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Roy Wilkins Papers Presented to Library

On Thursday, December 18, the papers of Roy Wilkins, executive director emeritus of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, were formally presented to the Library of Congress.

In addition to Mr. Wilkins and his wife, who made the presentation to the Library, noted guests included a number of individuals who were associated with Mr. Wilkins at some time during his long and distinguished career as an advocate of human rights, especially for Afro-Americans, while serving as an official of the NAACP. Paying tribute to Mr. Wilkins and to the significance of his gift to the Library were Benjamin L. Hooks, current executive director of the NAACP; Clarence Mitchell, former director of the association's Washington, D.C., bureau; Arnold Aronson, secretary of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; Solicitor General Wade H. McCree, Jr., of the U.S. Department of Justice; Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., long associated with Mr. Wilkins and the Leadership Conference for Civil Rights; and many others who described the impact of Mr. Wilkins' life and work.

Immediately after earning the A.B. degree at the University of Minnesota in 1923, Mr. Wilkins became managing editor of the *Kansas City Call*. In 1931, he served both in this capacity and as assistant secretary of the NAACP, but relinquished his newspaper post in 1932 to work full-time for the NAACP. For 46 years, Mr. Wilkins served progressively as assistant secretary, 1931-49; editor of the *Crisis*, the official organ of the NAACP, 1934-49; acting secretary, 1949-50; administrator, 1950; executive secretary, 1955-64; and executive director, 1965-77. It was symbolic that Wilkins relinquished the reins of authority at the largest NAACP convention up to that time (1977) in his birthplace, St. Louis, Mo.

The Wilkins papers will provide important material for study of his role both as an activist in the field and as a maker of policy at the highest administrative levels in reducing segregation of and discrimination against American blacks. They will also afford additional details on such landmarks in the field of civil rights as President

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Roosevelt's Executive Order 8802 (1941) concerning employment discrimination in defense industries and the establishment of the Fair Employment Practices Commission to implement it, President Truman's Executive Order 9981 (1948) banning segregation in the armed forces, the Supreme Court school desegregation decision of 1954, the March on Washington in 1963, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 forbidding discrimination in public accommodations and employment, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Law of 1968.

In addition, the Wilkins papers will complement the Records of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, and of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights as well as the papers of a number of individuals already among the holdings of the Manuscript Division.

Mr. Wilkins' dedication to the ideal of equal justice under the law has already brought him many citations and honors, including honorary degrees from many colleges and universities, the Spingarn Medal of the NAACP (1964), the Theodore Roosevelt Distinguished Service Medal (1968), and the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1969).

Mary Sauer Named to New Post in Processing Services

Mary E. Sauer has been appointed to the newly created position of assistant director for processing systems, networks and automation planning in Processing Services, effective December 15.

A native of Winona, Minn., Miss Sauer received the bachelor of arts degree from Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., in 1961 and a master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois in 1965. She has done further graduate study at the American University in Washington, D.C.

Miss Sauer joined the staff of the Library of Congress in September 1965 as a serials cataloger and served in several cataloging positions, including the assistant head of Serials Cataloging Section, until December 1969. From January 1970 to August 1972, she served as assistant director of libraries for serials at St. Louis University, returning to the Library of Congress to join the staff of the National Serials Data Program at the time of its inception in 1972. In 1975, she was appointed assistant chief (national and international operations) of the Serial Record Division, a position she held until 1977 when she became chief of that division.

Miss Sauer's professional activities include committee appointments in both the American Library Association and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. She has also served on a number of ANSI Z39 subcommittees, including those for Journal Article Citations, International Standard Serial Numbering, and Serial Holding Statements. In February 1976, she served as an invited expert on the UNESCO ISDS Systems Evaluation Team, and since 1978 has represented the United States on the ISDS Governing Board and General Assembly.

Miss Sauer resides in Arlington, Va., with her husband, Joseph W. Price.

Rutgers Announces Project To Microfilm Early Movie Catalogs

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, has announced plans to produce a microform edition of all surviving catalogs published by motion picture production and distribution companies before 1908. Such catalogs frequently provided elaborate descriptions of films offered. They often contain information not obvious from the content of a film, such as the date and location of production, names of persons in the film, and information about plots and characters. From these descriptions, exhibitors would prepare lectures or handbills to describe films to early movie audiences.

Today these catalogs offer film archivists, filmmakers, historians and sociologists valuable information about the films of the period, both those which survive and those now lost. The catalogs are a rich resource for historians interested in the society reflected in the films, the role of films in American and world culture, and the history of films and film companies.

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STAFF NEWS

The **Daniel A. P. Murray Afro-American Culture Club** of the Library of Congress will present the internationally famous coloratura soprano, Mattiwilda Dobbs, on January 9 at noon in the Coolidge Auditorium. This activity will, in part, commemorate the Library's observances of Martin Luther King's birthday and Black History Month. The performance, which will include classical music by Fauré, Mozart, Schubert, Ravel, and Rossini and several Negro spirituals, will mark one of the few 1981 appearances of this world renowned artist in the Washington, D.C., area.

The recipient of the Marian Anderson Award, the John Hay Whitney Fellowship, and the International Competition of Music Performers, Miss Dobbs has performed at the Berkshire Music Festival, La Scala in Milan, and in a command performance before the English Royal Family at Covent Garden. She has had a long association with the Metropolitan Opera.

Copyright Retirements Announced

Several Copyright Office employees retired in the second half of 1980.

Thomas H. Nichols, research programs assistant, Office of the Associate Register for Special Programs, retired in August after 32 years of Federal service. Mr. Nichols grew up in the Library at the knee of his mother, Maude G. Nichols, a leading figure in the development of the Library's service for the blind.

As head of the Preservation Section, Mr. Nichols organized the project for microfilming basic records of the more than 30 million copyright registrations and other Copyright Office materials.

After 32 years of Federal service **Mattie DuPree,** a search reports assistant in the Reference and Bibliography Section, Information and Reference Division, also retired in August. Her years with the Library of Congress numbered 22.

William A. Moore, a copyright bibliographer in the Reference and Bibliography Section, Information and Reference Division, retired on November 14 after over 28 years of service in the Library. Mr. Moore began his career in 1952 as a clerk-typist in the Examining Division.

Naomi Braxton Receives 30-Year Pin

Naomi Braxton, staffing clerk in the Recruitment and Placement Office, was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin in recognition of her years of service by David D. Lombardo, chief of the office. Attending the brief ceremony were Louis R. Mortimer, director of personnel, and many of her friends and coworkers in the Personnel and Labor Relations Office. Mr. Mortimer and Dr. Lombardo both expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Braxton for her many years of fine service to the Library and the department.

Naomi Braxton and David Lombardo

A native of the District of Columbia, Mrs. Braxton began her Federal career in March 1944 at the Department of Commerce. She transferred to the Veterans Administration in December 1951 before joining the Library staff in October 1953. At that time, Mrs. Braxton was appointed microphotographer in the Photoduplication Service where she spent the first 19 years of her service with the Library of Congress, subsequently being promoted within the division. After a brief break in service, Mrs. Braxton resumed her career in Processing Services in February 1974 and accepted her present position in the Recruitment and Placement Office in March 1977.

Retirement Legislation

For those Library staff members who may be considering retiring on or before March 1, 1981, Public Law 96-499, Reconciliation and Budget Act, signed by the President on December 5, 1980, eliminates the "look-back" cost-of-living allowance after January 1, 1981. The law also provides for prorating the first cost-of-living allowance for which staff members retiring after September 1, 1980, are eligible, beginning with the March 1, 1981, cost-of-living increase. Additional information was distributed to all staff members in Special Announcement No. 80-54, December 19.

Any questions regarding retirement may be directed to the Personnel Operations Office on ext. 75630.

Special Announcements

The **Women's Studies Discussion Group** will hold its next meeting on Friday, January 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the Page School (room 324A), Jefferson Building. Guest speaker Pat Roos of the National Academy of Sciences will present highlights of her dissertation entitled "Occupational Segregation in Industrial Society: A Twelve Nation Comparison of Gender and Marital Differences in Occupational Attainment." For more information contact Sarah Pritchard in the Main Reading Room on ext. 75520. All staff and researchers are welcome to attend this informal lunchtime session.

The **WRA Travel Club** will present a slide program on the sights and sounds of Morocco on Wednesday, January 21, at 11:45 a.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium. Emma Montgomery of the Collections Development Office will give the presentation on the recent nine-day trip which she made to North Africa.

Staff members whose attendance at these programs may require time exceeding the normal lunch period should consult their supervisors.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Patricia Hill, clerical assistant, GT-3, Photodup, OP M-101B; Peter Inman, deck attendant (trainee), GS-3, Ser, OP G102-C; Deborah Jackson, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cop Inf & Ref, 00661; Alonzella Lewis, correspondence & information assistant (trainee), GS-4, Cop Inf & Ref, 00697; Dale Mannarano, administrative assistant, GT-3, FLC, 00738.

Temporary Appointments: Wilbur Daniels, administrative clerk, GS-4, CRS MAS, NP; June Dorsey, library aid, GS-1, NLS/BPH, NP; Desiree Griffin, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G113A; Cashe Mitchell, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G113A; Kim Newman, correspondence clerk, GS-3, Cop Exam, NP; Theresa Papademetriou, legal specialist, GS-11, LL Eur, NP; Amy Pittman, photocopy assistant-messenger, GS-3, CRS MAS, NP; Marcus Plater, warehouseman, WG-4, P&S, NP.

Reappointment: Joan Barch, research analyst, GS-9, FRD, 00402.

Temporary Reappointment: Byron Colvin, division secretary, GS-5, Subj Cat, NP.

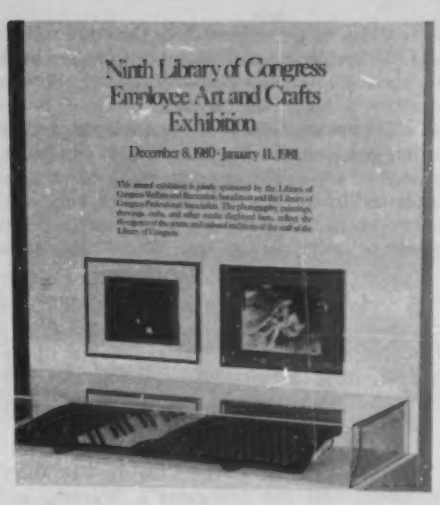
Promotions: Paula Bowders, to library technician, GS-9, Cop Acq & Proc, 00803; Laura Brank, to section head and descriptive cataloging specialist, Romance Languages Section 2, GS-13, Desc Cat, 00619; Malinda Carter, to correspondence unit supervisor, GS-6, Cop Exam, 00801; Debra Ellis, to correspondence and information assistant (trainee), GS-4, Cop Inf & Ref, 00697; Michael Kolakowski, to American national government information analyst, GS-11, CRS

Staff Arts and Crafts Exhibited

The Ninth Library of Congress Employee Arts and Crafts Exhibit was officially opened on December 8. The exhibit, jointly sponsored by the Library's Welfare and Recreation Association and the Library of Congress Professional Association, will be on view in the corridors of the sixth floor (outside the cafeteria) of the Madison Building through January 11.

Begun in 1970, the exhibit has served as a forum for the artistic ideas and aims of Library staff. The varied mixture of media presented displays the rich diversity in the artistic and cultural heritage of the staff members at the Library. Represented media include acrylic, chalk, needlepoint, oil, pen and ink, photography, pencil, quilting, stoneware, watercolor, and wood.

Lloyd Shipley of the National Referral Center and Charles Jackson, Catalog Management Division, chaired the exhibit. Committee members were Natalie Gawdiak, European Law Division; John Hass, National Referral Center; Richard Korman, Serials Division; and Carole Rogers, Serial Records Division. The Library's Exhibits Office assembled the works and did a masterful job in showcasing them.



John Rienks of Collections Management Division is pictured beside his colored ink work, "Humboldt's Gecko."

Gov, 00720; Randy Myers, to library technician, GS-9, Cop Acq & Proc, 00803; Laura Robinson, CRS MAS, to staff assistant (assistant to the women's program officer), GS-7, EEO/SPO, 00472; Vanessa Scott, to assistant computer room supervisor, GS-8, ASO, 00747; Barbara Seaver, to correspondence unit supervisor, GS-6, Cop Exam, 00800; Paula Stander, to music specialist, GS-11, Mus, 00849; Jerry Tuben, to library technician, GS-9, Cop Acq & Proc, 00803; Pamela Wagner, Proc S/N AP, to secretary to the assistant chief, GS-6, Ser, 00806.

Transfers: Rahman-Ahmed Aziz, CRS MAS, to materials control clerk, GS-3, CRS L, 00648; Iris Boone, Ord, to computer terminal operator, GS-5, CRS AIS, 00718; Stephanie Briscoe, Pers PC&O, to senior specialist secretary, GS-5, CRS S, 00700; Kenneth Carpenter, Photodup, to editorial clerk, GS-4, Desc Cat, 00705; Brenda Todd, Photodup, to senior specialist secretary, GS-5, CRS S, 00732; Marcellus Todd, DC, to certificate production clerk, GS-3, Cop Rec Mgmt, 00712.

Staff Activities

John Y. Cole, executive director of the Center for the Book, was one of eight consultants from around

the world who participated on December 10-12 in a UNESCO meeting in Paris about challenges facing the international book community in the 1980s. Convened by UNESCO's Division of Book Promotion and Encouragement of International Cultural Exchanges, the meeting identified key issues for discussion at a World Congress on Books that will be sponsored by UNESCO in 1982. The general theme of the World Congress will be "Towards a Reading Society."

On October 22, in East Brunswick, N.J., **John P. Comaromi,** editor of the *Dewey Decimal Classification,* addressed the Technical Services Section of the New Jersey Library Association regarding the 19th edition of the *Dewey Decimal Classification* and the organizations involved in producing the classification.

On November 14, at the College of Library and Information Services of the University of Maryland, **Mr. Comaromi** and **Margaret J. Warren,** assistant editor, conducted an all-day workshop on the DDC. **Gregory R. New,** decimal classification specialist, was also available to answer questions.

Bruce C. Miller, network librarian with FLC/FEDLINK, is the author of an article entitled "Placing and Tracing Orders in a Dynamic Acquisitions Process" in the summer/fall 1979 issue of *Collection Management.* This is a special issue devoted to operations research as a tool for solving library problems.

William R. Nugent, assistant director for systems engineering and operations in the Automated Systems Office, is the author of a chapter "Configuration Analysis of Computer-Telecommunications Systems" in the newly published *Advances in Data Communications Management,* Vol. 1, edited by Thomas A. Rullo. The chapter describes analytic techniques and management methods for achieving optimal performance/cost of on-line systems under conditions of workload growth and technological change.

John F. Price, chief of the Science and Technology Division and acting chief of the National Referral Center (NRC), presented a paper on November 18 to the Geoscience Information Society during the 1980 annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Atlanta, Ga. Entitled "A Directory of Information Resources in the United States: Geosciences and Oceanography," the paper discussed an NRC compilation soon to be published by the Library in which 1,000 organizations with information capabilities in the subject areas of the title are described. Already selected from the NRC data base onto a computer tape for photocomposition by the Government Printing Office, it will be the first volume issued in the series in more than six years, during which period the data base has doubled in size and undergone major system changes, including availability for on-line searching through the Library's SCORPIO and the Department of Energy's DOE/RECON systems.

Robert L. Worden, Federal Research Division, was a guest speaker at the first National Conference on Asian Pacific American Studies held at the University of Washington in Seattle on November 6, 7, and 8. Mr. Worden delivered a paper entitled "Chinese Immigration Material at the National Archives" on the panel "Chinese American History Today: New Opportunities and Perspectives" and served as a discussant for three other papers on the panel "Profiles on Early Chinese American History." He also gave a lecture on U.S.-China relations in the next four years at a special faculty-student forum sponsored by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Seattle Pacific University.

These early catalogs of producers and distributors are rare. Unfortunately, they are scattered all over the United States and, indeed, the rest of the world. Rutgers is hoping that institutions which have such catalogs will contact the university and make the catalogs available for copying. They should contact Reese V. Jenkins, Director and Editor, Thomas A. Edison Papers, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, One Richardson St., New Brunswick, N.J. 08903, tel. (201) 932-8511.

Lost Items Recovered

The bound newspapers and other materials that fell from a truck on its way from Landover Center Annex to Capitol Hill on November 12 (see the LC *Information Bulletin* for November 21, p. 448) were returned to the Library on December 10.

Workmen at a Frank Joy Construction Co. site at 15th and East Capitol St. N.E. saw the canvas hamper in the street and put it in a construction shed on the site. All the missing items were returned to the Library in good condition, thanks to the efforts of James Spinner, Roland Anderson, and Bert Channey, Joy employees.

Hard-to-Fill Vacancy Announced

A GS-5 (promotion plan to GS-8) vacancy of library technician (preliminary cataloger) for Persian and related materials in the Descriptive Cataloging Division has proven hard to fill because of an insufficient number of applicants who met the required qualifications under Posting 00632. Applications are invited, therefore, from all persons both inside and outside the Library of Congress who may have an interest in the position and feel that they are qualified. The starting salary is $12,226 per year.

The new announcement of the vacancy, Posting 00861, states that the minimum required qualifications must have been met by December 31 and lists them as follows:

"Good communication abilities in English sufficient to read, understand and discuss complex cataloging rules; ability to adapt quickly and to work under pressure to meet strict deadlines; ability to type accurately at a net speed of 25 words per minute as demonstrated by a typing test; physical stamina to handle books and for standing and bending."

The educational requirement at the GS-5 level is two years of college. The language requirement is a reading knowledge of two modern foreign languages, one of which must be Persian, with additional skill, including ability to romanize and type as applicable, in one of the following foreign languages or language areas: African, Arabic-alphabet, Hebraic, western European, Korean, or Chinese.

Briefly stated, the incumbent learns and applies a complex body of cataloging rules and procedural guidelines, organizing bibliographical data and recording it accurately and quickly, (1) in searching manually in the Official Catalog, Process Information File and/or via CRT terminal in the MARC Data Base, or in related manual or machine-readable files, to determine a work's exact bibliographic relationship to the Library's collections; (2) in writing appropriate reports of the results of such searches; and (3) in recommending the appropriate choice and form of entry for new works. The incumbent prepares, manually or on-line via CRT terminal, preliminary entries for new works and editions selected for retention for the collections.

Employees of the Library of Congress may apply through the usual channels. Interested persons outside the Library of Congress may make application by mailing a completed Personal Qualifications Statement and Standard Form 171 (available from any Government agency). All applications should be received within 30 calendar days of the date of this issue of the LC *Information Bulletin*. All applications, which become the property of the Library of Congress, must be sent to the Recruitment and Placement Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Minako Ohba Visits Library

Minako Ohba of Japan visited the Library on November 26. She is a participant in the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa, sponsored by the International Visitor Program of the International Communication Agency. A well-known literary figure in her country, she has written numerous books, including novels such as *Urashimasō* and *Funakui mushi* [Shipworms], and *Uo no namida* [Tears of the Fish] (collected essays).

Following a brief tour of the Library and a visit to the Japanese Section, Minako Ohba read a selection from one of her works, *Tankō*, for the Archive of World Literature on Tape. The Library's good collection of her works, many of which have won wide acclaim and a few of which have won coveted literary prizes in Japan, also includes her collection of short stories entitled *Sambiki no kani* (The Three Crabs), which won the Akutagawa prize.

New Reference Works

The Federation Internationale des Archives du Film (F.I.A.F.), of which the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division is a member, has published *A Handbook for Film Archives.* Edited by Eileen Bowser, curator of film at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and John Kuiper, director of the Film Department, International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House, the 151-page guide is the first comprehensive manual on film archive practices.

The handbook contains an introduction and chapters on "Acquisition and Selection," "Preservation," "Cataloguing," "The Documentation Department," "Copyright," "Access to the Collection," "Practical Work," and "The Collection of Film Apparatus." Each is written by a staff member of one of the F.I.A.F. archives and emphasizes practical details of day-to-day work in a film archive. As such, it is particularly useful to those who might want to establish an archive or those, such as librarians and film students, who need a reliable guide to the way film archives operate.

A Handbook for Film Archives may be purchased from F.I.A.F., 70 Coudenberg, 1000 Brussels, Belgium, for $40. A copy of the handbook may be consulted in the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division. [*Emily Sieger*]

The rapid expansion of science and technology in Japan in the last decade has led to a corresponding increase in the number and importance of periodical publications in these fields. A comprehensive listing of such serials is provided by the National Diet Library's latest edition of *Nihon kagaku gijutsu kankei chikuji kankōbutsu mokuroku* (Directory of Japanese scientific periodicals, 1979). This new directory not only affords bibliographic access to 8,901 serials (an increase of 1,814 titles over the 1974 edition) to scientists, researchers, and the growing number of scholars interested in Japan's phenomenal development in this area, but also serves as an indispensable tool for catalogers, bibliographers, and reference librarians.

In this publication, titles of serials are grouped under broad subject categories and are arranged according to the Universal Decimal Classification. In each category, Japanese titles are listed alphabetically, using letter-by-letter romanization in the Hepburn system; English titles are also given, either as they appear on the cover or title page of the publication or as translated by the compiler, within parentheses. In addition, each entry contains the name and address of the editing or publishing body, year of first issue, frequency, average pages per issue, size, price if for sale, language used, whether abstracts are provided and the language used, the nature of the publication, the ISSN, and a sequential entry number. With its extensive listing and wide coverage of publications on science and technology, the directory would have been more useful to readers had a separate section been included listing titles of Western-language publications issued in Japan, as in the *Nihon shizen kagaku zasshi sōran* (Directory of Japanese periodicals in science and technology), edited by Japan Medical Library Association, which, although published in 1969, still remains a major standard reference work.

Copies of both reference works may be consulted in the Japanese Section. [*Thaddeus Y. Ohta*]

Sowjetunion und Völkerrecht, 1962-1973: Bibliographie und Analyse (Köln, Verlag Wissenschaft und Politik, 1977. 575 p. Z6461.M42), edited by Boris Meissner, with the assistance of Dietrich Frenzke and Erika Chilecki, is a bibliography, with discussion, of Soviet books and articles on international law that appeared between 1962 and 1973. An extensive introductory essay by Meissner discusses the development of Soviet theories of international law during that period, and Dietrich Frenzke provides a survey of Soviet publications in this field, in comparison with previous periods of Soviet history. Erika Chilecki's extensive bibliography is arranged by a number of major subject headings and provides on facing pages the Russian titles of books and articles that are listed together with a German translation. There are indexes in Russian and in German of the abbreviations used for journal titles, and German author and subject indexes.

With this volume in hand, the searcher can easily locate significant Soviet works on such topics as international regulation of economic activity, the rights of neutral states, strategic arms limitation, or international protection of the ecology. Many entries indicate the presence of reviews in Soviet journals. This work is the ninth volume of the series "Dokumente zum Ostrecht" and is a continuation of an earlier volume covering the years 1917 to 1962.

A copy of this work is assigned to the European Reading Room reference collection. [*Robert V. Allen*]

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